Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph on page 7 lines 7-16 with the following amended paragraph:

     In accordance with a final aspect, the invention provides a network file server. The network file server includes storage for storing a file, and at least one processor coupled to the storage for providing clients with concurrent write access to the file. The network file server is programmed for responding to a concurrent write request from a client by preallocating a block for writing to the file, asynchronously writing to the file, and then committing the preallocated block. The network file server also includes an uncached write interface, a file system cache, and a cached read-write interface. The uncached write interface bypasses the file system cache for sector-aligned write operations, and the network file server is programmed to invalidate cache blocks in the file system cache including sectors being written to by the ~~cached read-write~~ uncached write interface.